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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Feldman DATE TYPED 1/27/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Housing Assistance for Parolees SB 279

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$100.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 340

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

Public Defender Department (PDD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 279 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the Community Corrections Grant Fund for the purpose of expanding housing assistance for male and female parolees, provided by a corrections vendor located in Albuquerque or Santa Fe.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

NMCD reports the proposed legislation would positively impact the Department's ability to provide its parole programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NMCD reports the proposed legislation could reduce the workload of probation and parole officers who currently have to help their parolees find appropriate housing in the Albuquerque or Santa Fe area.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

This bill duplicates House Bill 340.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

PDD states a felony record disqualifies a parolee for federal housing assistance. Also, parolees do not qualify for Supplemental Security Income and other possible benefits prior to release. This can lead to delay in receiving benefits making the need for transitional housing even more critical.

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